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CPAC Newsletter

Goals for Canadian Community Building

Address of W. Harold Clark, retiring president, to the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Community Planning Association of Canada.

This is the third and last time when I shall have the privilege of addressing you as your National President. Perhaps therefore you will expect me to review briefly some of the conclusions that have been reached by our Association at various conferences and by various committees during my term of office. It might be appropriate as well if I were to project the general directions to which all our diverse activities seem to point when they are seen in a single perspective.

It has become commonplace for us to hear of new discoveries of oil and minerals, of new additions to our capital equipment, of new peaks in national income and of increasing population, and other evidences of growth and prosperity. This rapid growth is reflected in large additions to our urban centres and in increasing problems of planning administration and finance.

Recognition of the seriousness of rapid and largely unplanned urban extension was what led you at last year's Annual Meeting to direct that your Council should make an effort to formulate a set of objectives, or goals, toward the attainment of which our Association might devote itself. It is part of my duty to report what we have done to carry out that directive. You will see as I proceed that such a thing was beyond us within a single year, on top of the routine decisions and the opportunities for immediate action which came to your Council. At the same time, I believe that the presence in the back of our minds of the obligation to state a few chief aims may have sharpened all that we did for short-term ends — while in the very doing of week-by-week and month-by-month chores, we came closer to finding what ultimate (but as yet unexpressed) purposes your Councillors have in common.

While a Goals Committee was set up and did valuable exploratory work, its longer term job was interrupted by the necessity for asking its members, together with other Councillors, to undertake the specific task of shaping the presentation that we were invited to make to the 15th Annual Conference of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities early in July. That presentation, which to a degree analysed the nature of city growth and suggested an alternative pattern, gave us, I believe, one of the most significant opportunities that we have ever had to make a constructive and timely contribution to that perplexing problem.

I shall refer later to the sort of conclusions we had reached as we departed for the Mayors Conference at Calgary. My point, at the moment, is that while no one had thought of such an undertaking when a Goals Committee was first suggested, nevertheless that situation, toward which we worked for nearly six months, somehow brought us a little closer to the objective toward which our Goals Committee was working.

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Similarly, during the past year, your permanent staff has been working on the publication of an outline of planning law in force in the various jurisdictions in Canada, and on an analysis of the existing administrative machinery, and of new machinery required to span the gap between our emerging objectives and their realization. Some articles dealing with these matters have been published, and a booklet on planning law is about to be distributed. In studying the legal and administrative machinery, we have also come nearer to drawing some general conclusions about the adequacy of the planning process in our various Provinces.

Another matter that has engaged your Officers in co-operation with Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, was the arrangement for preparing and publishing a useful Manual on the layout and siting of housing groups in relation to their community. This "Housing Design" Manual will soon be available, and I think it will be seen to be the logical expression of part of our hopes about housing in Canada — hopes to which we gave expression at our Winnipeg and Ottawa Conferences in 1949 and 1950.

What I have reported so far may indicate that we are rapidly approaching the point where we shall be able to formulate certain general goals of community development which, I believe, will be the logical outcome of much of our work during the past six years. I should like to devote the rest of my remarks to some observations regarding three subjects to which your Council has given a great deal of time and thought — and about two of which we are on record as having rather strong convictions. Although these observations are my own, they do stem from many serious and earnest conversations among our members, and they are in part based on our official records. I hope they may contribute something toward the formulation of goals; for I am convinced that we in Canada, particularly at this stage of our national development, need not only a critical appraisal of our present stage of urban development, but we also need simple, logical and workable objectives based on the broad social needs of our urban dwellers.

(For Mr. Clark's comments on Housing, see the Community Planning Review, Volume II, No. 4).

Message from the New President

I am naturally proud of the honour of being elected President of the Community Planning Association of Canada.

Our organization has already accomplished far more than is readily apparent and even far more than many of us realize.

When I was in the Eastern States last week I took advantage of the opportunity to go to Ottawa and Toronto and while there I consulted with Mr. D. B. Mansur, President, Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Mr. Alan H. Armstrong, Executive Director, Community Planning Association of Canada, Mr. Harold W. Clark, immediate Past President of Community Planning Association of Canada, Mr. Bob Donald, Chairman of the Executive and Mr. Humphrey Carver.

We are all agreed that the work of the Community Planning Association of Canada is increasingly important and increasingly effective.

Typical of the far reaching effect of the Community Planning Association of Canada is a remark made by Mr. Sutton-Brown who recently came from Lancashire, England to accept the position of Planning Director for the City of Vancouver. Mr. Sutton-Brown said "the evidence of citizen support and participation in planning as shown by the Community Planning Association of Canada and other organizations was an incentive for me to accept the position".

CPAC having initiated steps toward the building of better communities has a continuing obligation to press for the fulfilment of that objective. Our Association has a unique role to play as the meeting ground for all who are either officially or personally concerned with the creation of a more satisfying environment.

Every member of the Community Planning Association of Canada must have some suggestions whereby they think the Association can be of greater assistance to their own or other Communities.

I will appreciate any such suggestions being sent either to the Executive Director, Mr. Alan H. Armstrong, 169 Somerset Street, West, Ottawa, Ontario or to myself at 744 West Hastings Street, Vancouver 1, B.C.

H. V. Jackson,
President,
Community Planning Association of Canada

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The object of the Association is to encourage citizen interest in community planning. Active membership is $3.00 per year. Sustaining membership is $25.00 per year. Members receive the *CPAC Newsletter* or *Les Nouvelles de l'A.C.U.* each published eight times yearly, and the bilingual quarterly *Community Planning Review.* Members are encouraged to become active supporters of community planning in their community. Branches have been formed in several cities for this purpose.

HARRY V. JACKSON ELECTED CPAC PRESIDENT AT KINGSTON MEETING

Harry V. Jackson, of Vancouver, was elected President of the Community Planning Association of Canada at its Sixth Annual General Meeting, held September 12, at Kingston, Ontario.

He succeeds W. Harold Clark, who is retiring from the presidency after three successive terms. Mr. Clark will continue with the Association as an Executive Councillor.

Mr. Jackson served as an Executive Councillor during 1951-52, and has been active in the Association and in other branches of the planning field for many years.

Vice-Presidential posts for the current year are held by Eric Thrift, of Winnipeg, and C. E. Campeau, of Montreal. Both Mr. Thrift and R. T. Donald, chairman of the Executive for 1952-53, will be serving a second term in their respective offices.

The 1952 Annual Meeting was held in conjunction with a two-day Eastern Ontario Regional Planning Conference, sponsored by the Ontario Division. The Divisional conference was attended by the National Officers.

All officers were elected by acclamation. For a complete list, see page 12.

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Laval Graduate Wins CMHC Fellowship

A fellowship for post-graduate study in community planning, valued at $1,200, has been granted to Michel Belanger, B.A., of Levis, Quebec, it was announced recently by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Mr. Belanger, a graduate of Laval University where he did post-graduate work in economics, will study at McGill University.

Six similar awards were made in July. The fellowships were established to aid students in preparing for careers in the field of community planning. Funds are provided under the terms of Part V of the National Housing Act.

Six similar awards were made in July. The committee of awards for 1952 consisted of J. R. Mallory, head of the department of Political Science at McGill University, Edouard Fiset, planning consultant for Quebec City, and H. S. M. Carver, chairman of the research committee of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Vancouver Adopts Five Year Plan

Vancouver City Council recently announced the adoption of a "five-year plan" for civic improvement, with a total cost of 30 million dollars.

The greater part of the allotted money will be used for bridges, paving, sewers and waterworks. Of the remainder, 6.4 million dollars will be used for school developments, 1.3 million for parks, and one million for a central library. No provision has been made as yet for the proposed civic auditorium.

Housing Highlights

Revised Regulations Allow Higher Maximum Loans

Maximum loans for new housing permissible under Section 8 of the National Housing Act have been increased through recent changes in the regulations designed to "encourage increased activity in the construction of various types of rental housing accommodation."

Under the new regulations the maximum loan per unit in rental housing projects which contain semi-detached dwellings or rows of semi-detached dwellings has been increased from $6,700 per unit to $8,500 per unit. The change brings the semi-detached and row housing units in line with individual houses, for which a maximum loan of $8,500 is permitted.

Increases have also been made in maximum loans for multiple family dwellings financed under Section 8 of the Act, with the maximum per unit raised from $6,700 to $7,200 for a fully serviced unit of fireproof construction. Where the rental housing project included elevators, the loan may be increased by as much as 80 per cent of the estimated costs of such elevators. Previously this increase was only allowed for garages and other commercial buildings or where the municipal services pertinent to the project were fully paid for at the date of completion of the housing project.

Loans under section 8 of the National Housing Act are generally repayable in 20 years but under certain conditions this period may be extended to 30 years. The interest rate is 5¼ per cent per annum, calculated semi-annually.

Plan Section 35 Project at Corner Brook, Newfoundland

A new housing project, containing 202 houses and with an estimated total cost of $265,000 will be constructed at Corner Brook, Newfoundland, through an agreement reached under Section 35 of the National Housing Act.

The agreement calls for the servicing of 40 acres of land to provide the 202 building lots.

The total cost of the project is expected to be recovered through the sale of the serviced lots. Average selling price per lot will be about $1,350.

Under an agreement with the Bowaters Newfoundland Pulp and Paper Mills, Limited, the present owners of the property, only the land to be developed as building lots will be sold to the Federal-Provincial partnership. The company will retain ownership of the street and public areas but grant an assessment for the installation of streets and services. Maintenance of the services will be the responsibility of the company.

The serviced lots will be sold by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Section 35 Partnership at Work in Ontario

Three new housing projects to be undertaken shortly were announced simultaneously recently by Federal Resources Minister Winters and Ontario Planning and Development Minister Griesinger.

The three projects, arranged under Section 35 of the National Housing Act, will be undertaken at Lindsay, Stamford Township and Owen Sound.

The largest of the proposed developments is a combined land assembly and rental housing project for Stamford Township near Niagara Falls. The agreement calls for the servicing of 135 building lots, 70 of which will be used for the construction of single family rental housing units. Fifty-five of the houses will be three bedroom units and the remaining 15 will have two bedrooms.

The total cost of the project is estimated at approximately $700,000 and the housing units will be rented for about $60 monthly per unit. The 65 serviced lots to be sold to builders and individual prospective home owners will sell for approximately $1,200 each.

The new Owen Sound project will also be a combined land assembly and rental housing development. A total of 92 lots are to be serviced as a result of the agreement and 40 of the lots set aside for the construction of 30 three-bedroom and ten two-bedroom units. The overall cost of the project will be about $465,000. Monthly rentals will average $64 and the selling price of the lots being serviced for sale will be in the vicinity of $1,300 per lot.

Twenty rental housing units are to be constructed under the agreement covering the Lindsay project at a total cost of approximately $185,000. Average rental for the units, which include 16 three-bedroom and four two-bedroom houses, is estimated at $60 monthly.

A fourth project, announced earlier, will be undertaken at Goderich, Ontario. Calling for the construction of 25 rental housing units, the Goderich project will be administered under the same Federal-Provincial partnership.

The project provides for the construction of 20 three-bedroom and five two-bedroom houses. The Federal share of the total cost (75 per cent) has been estimated at $245,000.

Average monthly rental of the houses will be approximately $65 per unit.

Another low rental project is planned for Dunnville, Ontario. Arranged under Section 35 of the National Housing Act, the project calls for the construction of single family dwellings for rental. Seven two-bedroom and 18 three-bedroom units will be constructed.

Total cost for the project is estimated at $250,000.

Construction of the houses will be administered by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the completed units will be administered by a local housing authority.

Resources Minister Outlines Government Housing Efforts

Housing is a field in which the Government has helped Canadians to help themselves, the Hon. Robert H. Winters, Minister of Resources and Development, said recently in a CBC radio broadcast.

The Federal Government's housing efforts are largely concentrated on providing the most appropriate financial assistance and encouragement, through the National Housing Act, the Minister said. "Through the Act Parliament has authorized Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to assist private individuals, companies, co-operatives and provincial governments to finance housing. The coverage is broad, and is designed to meet the needs of all Canadians," he said.

Canada built more houses each succeeding year from 1945 to 1950, reaching a record total of over some 92,000 units in 1950, he said. "But then came aggression in Korea, and we were obliged to arm for defence. This defence effort was considered by parliament to be the most important programme facing the Government and the country. But the Government made it clear where it stood on this important question of housing and stated that it would emphasize it second only to the defence programme itself."

"Costs of materials and labour increased and financing housing became more difficult. The Government made several changes to meet the various problems as they arose, and despite the pessimism expressed in some quarters, Canadians completed 85,000 units in 1951. Various changes have been made since this time to stimulate a rising volume of housing. Aided by all these policies the joint and vigorous efforts of Government and private enterprise have produced a total of over 570,000 houses since the last war," Mr. Winters said.

WELFARE COUNCIL MAGAZINE PLANS SPECIAL HOUSING ISSUE

Housing, with the emphasis on public housing, will be the subject of a special issue of the Canadian Welfare Council's magazine, CANADIAN WELFARE, which will appear on December 15, 1952. This number will contain articles by several CPAC Members, including: P. R. U. Stratton, on low rental housing; R. E. G. Davis, on the legislative arrangements for aiding housing projects; Albert Rose, on administrative problems; William Goulding, on housing for the aged; news about community action in Canada to get more housing; and stories and pictures about the effects of good and bad housing on the well-being of Canadians.

This special number will be a useful handbook for citizens who are trying to improve housing conditions in their own communities. Single copies are 30 cents; 6 or more copies to one address, 27 cents each; 25 or more copies to one address, 24 cents each. Orders for the special Housing issue of Canadian Welfare should be sent directly to the Canadian Welfare Council, 245 Cooper Street, Ottawa, by December 31, 1952.

Publications Noted . . .

Maple Ridge, Hanley, B.C.

A community planning study prepared for the Municipal Council of Maple Ridge, the book is the work of G. R. Arnott, G. F. Farry, G. L. Justice and W. P. Patterson, all graduate students in planning at the University of British Columbia. The study was prepared under the direction of H. Peter Oberlander, professor of Planning and Design at the University. The study is available from the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Community and Regional Planning, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., $1.00.

The Density of Residential Areas

This well illustrated, 72 page book deals with the amount of land needed for residential areas. It is designed to help both public authorities and private developers to save land, and to assist technical officers in the measurement of density and in methods of achieving particular densities. Numerous illustrations and figures are used to amplify the text. Publisehd by the British Ministry of Housing and Local Government, the book is available in Canada through the United Kingdom Information Office, 275 Albert Street, Ottawa, $1.25.

Land Development in the Metropolitan Area of Toronto

Claimed to be the first of its kind ever published in Canada, the book gives detailed data on 20 subdivisions in the Toronto Metropolitan area; the cost of land, lots per acre, and other matters of interest. Edited by E. G. Faludi, the book is published by the Toronto Real Estate Board, $2.00.

Education in Town Planning

The book gives the results of a survey conducted by the International Federation for Housing and Town Planning to determine the facilities for Planning training throughout the world. Available from the International Federation for Housing and Town Planning, Paleisstraat 5, The Hague, Netherlands.

Outlines of

CANADIAN PLANNING LAW

by Norah McMurray

An 80-page comparative survey of existing town planning legislation in the Provinces of Canada, with appendices containing pertinent information on Quebec and Newfoundland, where no formal planning Statutes are in force.

Free on request to members; non-members: 50c

Available from
CPAC National Office
169 Somerset St. W., Ottawa

Press Digest

Yorkton Master Plan Completed

A report on planning and development in the city of Yorkton, Saskatchewan, the result of five years' work by E. W. Thirt and a civic committee, was officially adopted recently.

The report, containing 103 pages and 22 large illustrations, deals with civic questions including population trends, transportation, public works programming, civic finance and schools.

First project to be undertaken under the guidance of the report is likely to be the renumbering of all houses and buildings and the redevelopment of certain areas.

Leamington Town Commissioner Points Out Trend Towards Decentralization

A trend towards decentralization is gathering momentum in Ontario, according to William Jardine, Town Commissioner of Leamington, Ontario.

Speaking recently to the local Kinsmen's club, Mr. Jardine expressed the view that many manufacturers find worthwhile advantages in establishing their plants in smaller centres. But, he added, the endeavour to attract industries whose raw materials and finished products must be shipped long distances was "pretty much a waste of time."

New Vancouver Planner Addresses Kitsilano Ratepayers

The solution for town planning is not an easy one, and it is up to the people to come to the aid of the planner, G. Sutton-Brown, New Vancouver City Planner, told a meeting of Kitsilano Rate payers recently.

"We depend on your suggestions," he said.

Mr. Brown was guest of the Lower Kitsilano Ratepayers' Association at a meeting held to protest the encroachment of industry on a residential area. The meeting was the first of its kind attended by Mr. Brown since his arrival in Canada.

Old-Age Housing Units Opened in Winnipeg

Five housing units designed for aged couples with no means of support other than the old-age pension, were opened recently in Winnipeg.

The units, designed to meet the particular needs of old people, resulted from urging by Rev. J. Fred Douglas, of Old St. Andrews Church. The project was financed through public subscription.

The new homes were officially opened by mayor Garnet Coulter.

CPAC LOGBOOK

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DIVISION:

The inaugural meeting of the Division was held in February 1952.

Interested persons were contacted in several places in Prince Edward Island and branches are slowly being formed.

The City of Charlottetown has been approached to provide containers for cigarette packets, orange peel, etc. normally thrown in the street by the general public.

We are contemplating continuing our drive for more trees being planted at the approaches to certain townships and although no actual planting has taken place, we are quite certain that in the Spring we can go right ahead with our plans to achieve this project.

So far there has been no expense attached to the above items, but we shall have to pay for any trees which we require.

Tree planting, particularly at both Ferry terminals on "The Island", will be in full swing as soon as planting conditions permit.

The main project obviously has to be "ORGANIZATION" and whilst we have had several meetings at which representatives of the various towns and communities have attended, the lack of interest shown during the summer months, has held up this very important project. Now that the fall months are with us, however, it is anticipated that as soon as Charlottetown as a branch, is fully organized, together with Summerside (the second largest town) we can make great strides.

A series of radio talks through the courtesy of Radio Station CFCY is being arranged and prominent local business men and women have agreed to speak on all aspects of community planning.

The first talk will take place within the next two weeks, and it will be on rural beautification.

—S. LANCASTER,
Secretary,
P.E.I. Division

NOVA SCOTIA DIVISION:

The Nova Scotia Division has made much progress since our last Annual Meeting, almost entirely through the activities of the Halifax Branch.

Mrs. Lilias Toward, the Divisional Secretary, visited Charlottetown and was the guest speaker at the inauguration of the P.E.I. Division.

We have presented a series of fifteen minute radio broadcasts which started March 11 and ended on April 29. These were well received and tape recordings of them have been made for the Division's library.

We have presented a film to the Q.E.H. and have arranged for this film to be shown at St. Patrick Boys' and Girls' Schools, if and when they call on us. We are also planning to do the same thing at the Vocational School when opportunity offers.

Mrs. Toward recently visited Sydney and we are considering what plans can be made there resulting from this visit.

Mrs. Toward has addressed several groups and Mr. Philip Dumaresq and the chairman addressed the Rotary club in January.

The Halifax Branch, under the able leadership of Mr. Lloyd Shaw, has been exceedingly active and has undertaken many important jobs. These include regular monthly meetings with speakers on special subjects and a submission suggesting minimum standards submitted to the Mayor. The branch has also supported the slum clearance and low rental housing program of the City of Halifax.

Mrs. Toward and the officers of the Nova Scotia Division and Halifax Branch have also attended hearings in respect to the Zoning by-law at City Hall and the presentation of a brief by the City to the Province in respect to Provincial aid in the low rental housing and slum clearance program.

Finally I would like to thank all those who have so generously given their time and energy in promoting the cause of community planning in this city and Province. We are a small group and the co-operation and enthusiasm you have all shown and given is an inspiration and augurs well for the future.

Our work has only just started and it needs more interested members who can help those who are already undertaking all they are able.

—W. E. TIBBS,
Chairman,
Nova Scotia Division

QUEBEC DIVISION:

I am very honored to present to you an inventory of the activities of the Quebec Division for the period between January 18th and September 10th, 1952.

After having encountered all sorts of difficulties, our Quebec Division has reorganized on a sound basis on January 18th in electing a new Board of Directors. Since this time, our Division has worked constantly to enlighten the public on the benefits of applied community planning and to foster a planning movement of community planning well adapted to the needs of French Canada.

Members of the Executive Council have met nine times since the reorganization of the Division. During those meetings, our directors have been primarily concerned with the financial administration, and the carrying out of the program and the publicity of the Division. They have worked constantly for the promotion of the aims of our Division.

Members of our Executive Council and the personnel of our secretariat have doubled the number of the members of the Division since its reorganization. Our Division actually boasts more than 450 members. This figure compares favourably with the membership of other provincial divisions.

Last May, our Division has held its planning conference, the first of its type to be organized in Quebec; as you have probably heard, it was a huge success.

On this occasion, our Division adopted some resolutions requesting the Provincial Government to adopt a planning legislation specifically devised for Quebec. To this effect, our Division has recommended the preparation of a dossier on the characteristics and needs of the province and its various regions and also of an inventory of the laws and by-laws dealing directly or indirectly with planning matters, with a view to the drafting, in due time, of a planning legislation.

Our Division also pointed out that, in the rural areas, an urbanization which would not take into account the characteristics and particular ideals of such regions should be prevented.

To illustrate, the Richelieu Valley, in which the conference has taken place, was selected to demonstrate the characteristics proper to French Canada.

The technical studies of the convention were under the direction of Professor Harold Spence-Sales of McGill University.

The conference was attended by 130 people and was under the auspices of the St. Jean Section.

During the past year, our liaison officer visited 57 communities for the organization.

Every effort has been made to publicize the work of our organization by every known means of propaganda: radio, newspapers, magazines, etc.

At the request of the Union of the Municipalities of the Province of Quebec, our Division organized a special group to study and discuss some planning problems on the occasion of the annual meeting of this organization at Dixville Notch, New Hampshire.

At this meeting, under the chairmanship of our President, Mr. C. E. Campeau, we studied the problems of annexation, zoning regulations, beautification, etc. The meeting was climaxed by a showing of slides on the Richelieu Valley.

The speakers were our President, Messrs. Jacques Simard, Denis Tremblay, Jacques Tessier and Paul Béland.

Liaison With Members

In order to assure a better liaison with its members, our Division has undertaken to furnish them regularly with the minutes of the meetings of its Executive Council. This service seems to have been greatly appreciated by the members of the Division.

Our secretariat has also distributed to every member some documentation of general interest.

Formation of Sections

One of the main activities of our secretariat during last year was to bolster the foundation of our organization by creating more local sections. Today, the Quebec Division includes 12 active sections in the following cities: Montreal, Quebec, Giffard, Chicoutimi, Rimouski, Lévis, Sherbrooke, Beloeil-McMasterville, St. Jean, Cap-de-la-Madeleine, Rouyn, Amos. Some ten new sections will be organized in the near future.

The secretariat has done its best to serve the membership and carry forward the program of the Division.

Our secretarial facilities have been made possible because of a special agreement with the Chamber of Commerce of the Province of Quebec.

Here is a list of the proposed activities of our Division for the immediate future:

1) Printing of a special pamphlet on the St. Jean convention and the participation to the conference of the Union of Municipalities;
2) Publicity campaign on the policy of our Division towards the planning implications of the St. Lawrence Seaway;
3) Participation to the annual meeting of the Chambers of Commerce of the Province of Quebec to be held in Ottawa;
4) Photographic documents on planning problems in the various regions of the province;
5) Organization of a big rally in Montreal next February on the metropolitan planning problems:
   a) Participation to the special courses given at McGill University on this matter;
   b) Invitation of an outstanding speaker for the first general meeting of the Montreal Section;
6) Participation to the formation of a citizens' committee created in order to promote low rental housing in Montreal;
7) Construction of permanent exhibits which could be presented at the principal fairs across the province;
8) Invitation of a foreign top-notch speaker for the next annual meeting of our Division which will probably he held in Quebec;
9) Organization of a special contest on a concert hall for Montreal and propaganda on this matter in the metropolitan region;
10) Preparation of an A.B.C. on planning for students;
11) Campaign towards the adoption of a planning legislation in the province of Quebec and gaining the support of different groups interested in planning.

Conclusion

This inventory points out, I am sure, that our Division has progressed and met with certain success since its reorganization.

This success, for which it is proud, it owes it mainly to the members of our Executive Council who have represented the organization; to our President who has given the best of himself; to the staff of our secretariat who has worked hard to the carrying out of the program; to the press and radio which have supported the Division in its activities.

—Viateur Gendron,
Secretary,
Quebec Division

ONTARIO DIVISION:

Publications:

In January 1952, the Ontario Division began publication of the "Housing and Planning Digest". This Digest deals with housing and planning news throughout the Province plus editorial comment. Since its inception, circulation has risen from approximately 300 to well over 500.

Briefs:

On January 29, 1952, a Brief was presented to the Minister of Planning and Development which dealt with the following matters:

(1) Regional Planning Areas.
(2) Coordinating of planning provisions in present legislation.
(3) Advisory field staff and regional services.
(4) Development of survey techniques.
(5) Land for Public Purposes.
(6) Housing proposals which suggested the building of subsidized low-rental housing projects and the carrying on or urban redevelopment under Section 35, N.H.A.

Some of the suggestions made by the Brief particularly under this Section dealing with land for public purposes were incorporated into amendments to the housing and planning legislation of the Province of Ontario.

Conferences:

A Conference was held in Toronto on October 19th and 20th, 1951. This Conference dealt with planning problems of larger municipalities. It was attended by 165 people from all over the Province of Ontario.

An Eastern Ontario Regional Planning Conference was held in Kingston at Queen's University on September 12th and 13th. It dealt with Planning in Smaller Municipalities and the Planning Implications of the St. Lawrence Seaway. This Conference was attended by 122 people from all parts of the Province.

Public Relations:

Field trips were made throughout the year by the Secretary to such parts of the Province as Timmins, Hamilton, Kingston and Ottawa. As a result of these trips an Eastern Ontario Regional Planning Conference was organized in Kingston and was held on September 12th and 13th. A Conference for Northern Ontario has been proposed by the Timmins Planning Board to be held in May of 1953. This was a result of a field trip made by the Secretary to the Timmins area in February 1952.

Co-operation with the Provincial Department of Planning and Development continues at a very high level. The Government aids the Division with a substantial grant. The Division also has attended some meetings which were organized by the Provincial Department. The liaison with planning boards throughout the Province have been established through the mailing of the Planning Digest to all Planning Boards. This has resulted in an increased number of enquiries re planning and housing matters to the office of the Ontario Division.

The Greater Toronto Branch has reached an agreement with the Toronto Welfare Council whereby the Branch will act as the housing section of the Council for the coming year on an experimental basis. The Ottawa Branch is planning to set up a similar type of arrangement.

Co-operation With Other Divisions:

A closer co-operation developed during the year with the Quebec Division. The Secretary and Chairman of the Ontario Division attended a Conference sponsored by the Quebec Division at St. Jean and the Chairman of the Quebec Division addressed the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Division in May 1952. It also should be reported that several members of the Quebec Division, including the Chairman and Vice-Chairman took part in the Eastern Ontario Regional Planning Conference when the Conference discussed the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Activities of Branches:

The Greater Toronto Branch during the past year struck off several Committees. One dealt with Housing in Industrial Areas and another with Housing for Older Persons. Both committees were fairly active and have been in contact with the Toronto City Council. In July a letter was sent to Controller Brand, Chairman of the City of Toronto Housing Committee regarding the city's proposed plan to take over the Dufferin and Woodbine racetracks for housing projects. In this letter it was suggested that a Metropolitan Housing Authority be set up so that the City might get projects established in the suburban areas with the co-operation of these areas. It was suggested that the purchase of the racetracks while helpful was not complete and further steps such as the above should be taken.

The Ottawa Branch was active in preparing a report about the planning problems which are most urgent in the area such as the maintenance of the green belt, finding some way of co-operation between the municipality and the Federal government especially as regards the construction of Federal buildings. This report was printed and sent out to interested groups as well as the Federal, Provincial and municipal governments.

—Paul Ringer
Secretary,
Ontario Division

MANITOBA DIVISION:

Seven meetings of the general membership were held during the past twelve months — and eleven meetings of the Executive and/or Management Committee. A public meeting was held in January at which Eric W. Thrift outlined the Housing Scheme requested by and presented to the Winnipeg City Council.

Forty-nine meetings of the Metropolitan Planning Commission, the sub-committees of the Commission and the Winnipeg Town Planning Commission were attended by your director or his assistant.

Two conferences were held in Winnipeg during the past year, one in September to which were invited representatives of municipalities outside Greater Winnipeg who had shown interest in Planning. A Western Regional Planning Conference was held in May at which seventy-five citizens and officials from the three provinces were registered: a brief report of this is attached.

In July a delegation from the Division appeared before the Winnipeg City Council in connection with the proposed site of the Bank of Canada Building. In February a delegation from our Division made representation to the City regarding the City retaining its membership in the Metropolitan Planning Commission. In March the Division arranged delegations from other associations to appear before the Winnipeg Town Planning Committee in regards to implementing the plan for widening Memorial Boulevard.

During the past twelve months, meetings of various organizations have been addressed by Mr. C. L. Fisher, Mr. Randolph Patton, Mr. Eric W. Thrift, Mr. C. F. Greene, and Miss L. Volkers: included in these organizations were the Winnipeg Council of Women, the Chamber of Commerce Civics Bureau, the Manitoba Association of Architects, the Rotary Club of Dauphin, the Winnipeg Real Estate Board, the Men's Club of Portage la Prairie, the Union of Manitoba Municipalities.

Our chairman, Mr. C. L. Fisher, has been appointed chairman of the Planning Committee of Greater Winnipeg Civil Defence Organization. Miss L. Volkers was appointed chairman of the Housing and Town Planning Committee of the Winnipeg Council of Women. Mr. Thrift attended all sessions of the Annual Meeting of the Union of Urban Municipalities, with Mr. Greene attending the final session. Considerable correspondence has been entered into between our office and various municipalities, notably the City of Brandon. Other municipalities include Dauphin, Souris, Canora (Saskatchewan).

Miscellaneous

An article on Community Planning prepared by C. L. Fisher, appeared in the August issue of the Manitoba Industry and Commerce Bulletin.

Contact has been formed with the Manitoba Federation of Agriculture officials, with a view to placing "Planning" in its Youth Leadership courses.

A request was received from the Brandon Junior Chamber of Commerce for assistance in setting up a planning study group within its membership.

The Executive met Mr. Humphrey Carver in Winnipeg on August 3rd and discussed with him the problem of how best to render assistance to municipalities who respond to the idea of planning but wish personal assistance.

Publicity

Every month sample copies of the CPAC Newsletter, the Community Planning Review and other CPAC literature have been mailed to selected lists of officials and private citizens whom we feel should be interested in Planning and in the work of our organization. The Division has also acted as a distributing agent for literature published by the Metropolitan Planning Commission; we have been assisting in the preparation of this literature and in helping to pass out to the public information regarding the Commission's activities.

The proposal to establish Neighbourhood Planning Councils in Greater Winnipeg has not materialized and it seems to be the opinion that while this was a worthwhile project, it is not a feasible one.

During the winter months, a list of organizations in Greater Winnipeg were circularized each month offering to supply speakers to address their meetings.

Projects Set Up

A Regional Planning Development Committee has been set up under the chairmanship of Mr. Randolph Patton and the initial steps taken to have this functioning in the near future.

The City Council having approved the Housing Scheme prepared by the Metropolitan Planning Commission, our Division is at the moment engaged in contacting all interested organizations concerned, with a view to obtaining public support for this project.

A visit to Brandon is contemplated in the near future at a date suitable for CPAC Members there — when it is hoped to form a Branch of our Division in that city.

Community Planning Week

This year our second annual Planning Week was scheduled for May 18 to 24 and with the consent of the National Office and the two provinces concerned, was promoted in the three provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. A special report of Community Planning Week and the Regional Planning Conference is attached.

Membership

The membership of our Division at this date last year was 39: to date, it stands at 66, composed of 60 active members ($3.00 a year) and 6 sustaining members ($25.00 a year).

—C. F. GREENE,
Secretary
Manitoba Division

ALBERTA DIVISION

Although only in the second year of its existence, the Alberta Division of the Community Planning Association of Canada has been extremely active, with interest focusing principally on the urban centres of Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and Red Deer.

Participation in the Prairie Regional Conference of C.P.A.C., held in Winnipeg May 21 and 22, was the principal undertaking of the Division as a whole. Funds were voted by the Division to send four delegates from Alberta to this meeting, and two others attended at the expense of the Calgary and Edmonton Branches.

Calgary Branch:

Talks and film showings were held by the Calgary Branch throughout the year, and a model of a "Planned

neighbourhood" was constructed. The model was displayed at the Calgary Exhibition.

The model was planned by the Calgary Planning Department and constructed by students at the Dominion-Provincial Vocational Training Centre.

Calgary was the scene of the 1952 convention of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities, and the Calgary Branch played a part in acting as hosts to the C.P.A.C. delegation to this meeting.

Edmonton Branch — Meetings:

A public forum was held by the Edmonton Branch in February, on the question "Is there a Housing Problem in Edmonton?" Special speakers—a young householder, a young immigrant and an established resident —represented a cross section of local housing consumers.

Two motion picture showings highlighted branch activities for March; "Faith in our Future," a movie on a large scale housing project in Massachusetts, and "A Tale of New Cities," the story of planning in Stratford, Ontario. Discussion was lead by Brahm Weisman, Assistant Town Planner; Louis Plotkin, Planning Technician, and H. Schlamp, Mortgage Appraiser, Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

The first public unveiling in Edmonton of the revised National Housing Act was made in April, when the branch held a public meeting on Section 35 of the Act. Speakers at the meeting were George Murray, construction foreman, who reviewed housing activities initiated under the new section from Newfoundland to British Columbia, and Kenneth A. McKenzie, former Legislative Counsel of Alberta, who gave an interpretation of the Provincial enabling legislation for Section 35 embodied in Alberta's new housing act.

An outcome of the discussion was a housing question coming before Civic Council, largely through the efforts of an alderman who attended the meeting. It was resolved to undertake an investigation into the nature of the local housing problem with a view to presenting some practical suggestions to local authorities.

The first meeting in May was called to draw up a brief for presentation to the Prairie Regional Planning Conference in Winnipeg. At the second, reports on the conference were presented by Noel Dant, who attended as a guest speaker, and Leonard Gertler and B. Y. Card, branch delegates.

In July CPAC members, along with students attending the summer session at the University of Alberta, were invited by Edmonton Town Planner Noel Dant to visit and inspect the city's Town Planning offices.

At a meeting on Public Housing in August, Mr. Dant gave an interpretation of the principles of the housing layout developed by the Prairie Research Housing Committee under the chairmanship of Professor V. J. Kostka. (See COMMUNITY PLANNING REVIEW, Vol. II, Number 2.) His address was illustrated with slides.

At the branch's annual meeting, held in September, Mr. Dant reported on the Sixth Annual Meeting of CPAC held in Kingston, which he attended as a National Councillor.

Special Activities:

Edmonton Branch activities during Community Planning Week, May 19-24, included displays in the windows of two downtown department stores, one illustrating principles of neighbourhood design with models of new neighbourhoods prepared in co-operation with the city's Town Planning Department, and the other utilizing posters and photographic material to illustrate the objectives of the greenbelt in the Edmonton area, prepared in conjunction with the Edmonton District Planning Commission. The displays were supplemented by radio talks and press releases.

A donation of choice space at the Edmonton Exhibition enabled the association to display neighbourhood models and other planning materials. The exhibit provided an excellent opportunity for direct contact with the public, whose questions were answered by volunteer association members. A give-away blotter carrying a planning message was distributed.

General Objectives:

Two general objectives for 1952-53 have been set by the executive:

(1) The organization of seminars involving the participation of professional and business people who have experience and an interest in various fundamental local developments, and

(2) The building up of closer ties with local groups such as the community leagues, the House Builders' Association and other community groups with whom we have common objectives.

Travelling exhibits and planning literature will be used to disseminate basic planning principles.

Conclusion:

As this report shows, the Alberta Division has been extremely active in 1952, and even greater activity seems inevitable in the coming year.

—G. M. Brown,
Secretary,
Alberta Division

BRITISH COLUMBIA DIVISION:

During the period September 1951 to September 1952 the British Columbia Division has continued in its endeavours to stimulate public interest in the objectives of the Community Planning Association of Canada.

Conferences:

During this period three Regional Conferences were held: one in Penticton, one in Kamloops and one in Victoria, Vancouver Island. These conferences serve to focus public attention on planning matters. By carrying them into the interior of the province a larger field is covered and Municipal officials who might find it difficult to attend conferences at a greater distance are often able to attend these regional ones. Mimeographed copies of the talks given at these conferences have been requested from cities as far removed from British Columbia as Montreal, Quebec; Windsor, Ontario; Regina,

Saskatchewan; Calgary, Alberta; which indicates that such conferences have a wider scope than just the region in which they are held. Requests for these talks have been received in quantity from Town Planning Commissions and large business corporations, as well as public and private libraries.

Local newspapers and radio stations carried the message of the conferences and some talks given were broadcast in entirety.

An interesting event at the conference was the attendance of senior high-school students. Prizes were offered by local citizens for the best essay submitted from the students to a Division Committee for judgment.

Resolutions from the conference were presented to the Provincial Government. In the interior it was keenly felt that there should be a Provincial Planning office established in the Okanagan and North and South Thompson area. The union of British Columbia Municipalities Association in that area also forwarded such a recommendation following the conference to the Provincial Government.

The conference in Victoria was held primarily to focus attention on the recently established Capital Region Planning Board.

We, in British Columbia, believe the conference method is perhaps one of the best media in promoting planning. We know that Town Planning Commissions or Planning Committees have been established in the wake of these meetings.

Cordial Relationship:

The Division is very fortunate indeed in its relationship with the University of British Columbia, the Provincial Government and Municipalities. The B.C. Division is very grateful for the co-operation received from these sources.

Ribbon Development Control:

The Division has also been concerned with the control of ribbon development in British Columbia and prepared a brief which was distributed to all municipalities. Recommendations in same were endorsed by the Union of British Columbia Municipal Association and resulted in legislation being prepared which it is hoped will be adopted by the new government.

The question of sub-division control received attention and it is expected that this matter will also be reviewed by the new government.

Exhibits:

A panel exhibit committee has prepared a two-sided eight-panel exhibit which will tour the province pointing out the need for planning in the smaller towns and communities.

The Division also sponsored an exhibit by the Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board at the Pacific National exhibition. This exhibit was on display for twelve days and created considerable interest in the work the Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board is doing. C.P.A.C. literature was also distributed from this booth.

Exhibits from National Office were also displayed in the city including Professor Kostka's "Design of Groups of Detached Houses", loaned by the Manitoba Division.

Publicity:

The Division has received considerable publicity in the press throughout the province as well as over the air, when visiting planners come to the coast they have an opportunity not only to speak at public meetings but over the air. The C.P.A.C. Newsletter has been distributed to all municipalities within the province.

Other Activities:

The establishing of a B.C. Division Scholarship fund to assist a student to take the two-year post graduate course in town and regional planning at the University of British Columbia.

During this period an objective of Vancouver Branch was realized through the establishment of a City Planning Department in the City of Vancouver.

Public meetings were held during the year which included a three lecture course on planning stressing the physical, social and economic aspects of planning, as well as meetings directed to planning objectives of the local branches.

The Division also has on its agenda the Vancouver-New Westminster Expressway, the rehabilitation of the Strathcona School area, the question of public housing, the matter of open spaces with particular regard to certain golf courses that may be sub-divided, an upper levels highway on the West Shore, the matter of civic design. A number of committees are also functioning including committee on Smoke Abatement, Text Book Committee, Course in Community Planning, Legislative Committee, Vancouver Housing Committee. The Division maintains close liaison with the Vancouver Housing Association and is supporting its activities, particularly with reference to the Little Mountain Housing development.

The British Columbia Division Executive are of the opinion that since the inauguration of the Community Planning Association, particularly in British Columbia, a number of important events have taken place in the planning field which, it feels certain, will hasten the day when town and Community Planning is as much a part of our way of life as many other fields which we accept today as necessary to the well-being of the citizen. There are still many goals to be reached but there is no doubt the public today realize more than ever before, that we must take proper steps in view of the tremendous urban expansion in Canada, to build towns and communities which will be both functional and aesthetic and a pride to those who dwell within their boundaries. We feel that the Community Planning Association of Canada can contribute much toward achieving this goal. Progress at times seems agonizingly slow, but as long as citizens of the community are concerned with these matters there is great hope of achieving our objectives.

—T. McDONALD,
Secretary,
British Columbia Division

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